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POLICE CHARGE SECOND SUSPECT IN 2011 SWAN CANYON HOMICIDE

On Sunday, April 17, 2011, at 5:09 p.m., 28 year old Cordell King was shot and killed in the 4600 block of Thorn Street. At the time of the murder, Cordell was standing near the sidewalk when a vehicle occupied by four suspects pulled up to the victim and stopped. Several gunshots were fired at Cordell, striking him several times in the torso. The vehicle initially drove away, but turned around and returned to the scene. A suspect exited the vehicle and shot the victim several more times while he was on the ground. Responding officers found Cordell lying in the street and pronounced him deceased at the scene. SDPD Homicide Detectives processed the scene, collected evidence and have continued to actively work this case for the past four years.

Recently, San Diego Police Homicide, Gang and Criminal Intelligence Detectives received additional information which identified the suspects in the murder of Cordell King. Based on this new information, detectives, in conjunction with the District Attorney's Office, conducted extensive investigative follow-ups to bring forward a prosecutable case.

On Friday, July 24, 2015, San Diego Police identified 25 year old Donte Simpson from San Diego as a second suspect in the murder of Cordell King. Simpson is currently in custody at the South Bay Detention Facility on unrelated charges. Simpson has been additionally charged with the murder of Cordell King and will be transferred and booked into the San Diego County Jail.

The investigation is ongoing and further arrests are anticipated.

Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to call the San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

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